



July 7, 2015

Greetings from JVC!

The JVC staff, your placements, and the current Jesuit volunteers are carefully preparing for your JVC experience. We imagine your last few weeks before JVC will be packed with lots of activity: finishing up work or school, preparing to move, saying goodbye to friends and family, enjoying the summer, and determining what you need to pack and how to make it all fit. As you and more than 225 other Jesuit Volunteers prepare to arrive at Orientation retreats across the country, we wanted to send some important information to help you plan for this coming year. Please read the enclosed information carefully.

1. ARTICLES: Read about Ignatian spirituality and different aspects of the four values of JVC.
2. PARENT LETTER: Share this letter with your parent(s) and loved ones so they can better understand what you are about to undertake and ways they can support you.
3. HEALTH INSURANCE: To participate in JVC, you must sign and return one (1) of the following enclosed forms by **July 20, 2015**: a Medical Insurance Waiver or Agreement of Understanding.
4. WHAT TO BRING TO ORIENTATION: See what to pack in your one travel bag.
5. COMMUNITY MEMBER BIOS: Meet your new community and get the address for your new home.
6. DIRECTIONS: Use if you will be driving to or getting dropped off at Orientation.

Please note that **JVC staff will be leading retreats** in mid-July helping the current volunteers close out their experience. We will only have limited access to e-mail at that time, and we encourage you to be in touch with Shelby Christopher at our main office with your questions ([schristopher@jesuitvolunteers.org](mailto:schristopher@jesuitvolunteers.org), 410-244-1733). Staff will also be at the retreat centers the day before Orientation begins and unable to check e-mail or answer office phones. Please find retreat center contact information on the enclosed driving directions. We are very excited about your upcoming year as a Jesuit Volunteer and look forward to seeing you in August! Until then, take care.

Peace,  
JVC Staff